(a) (i) whether they have not perused the editorial note published in the "Sathianadam" of 8th June 1929, about the proposal to grant some scholarships; and (ii) if they have not perused it, will they peruse it and state:—

(b) whether the Government have decided or had any correspondence regarding the granting of scholarships referred to therein, and if the Government have decided to give any such scholarships, whether the fact will be published in the Gazette and call for applications from suitable candidates; and if not, why not;

(c) whether the Government have received applications for the scholarships referred to in the article; and if so,

(d) who are the applicants?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) 1. Yes. 2. No reply is necessary in view of answer to (a) 1.

(b) Government contemplate to grant 2 scholarships for training in Forestry at Dehra Dun and a notification inviting applications for the same has been published in the Gazette.

(c) Yes.

(d) A copy of the list of applications so far received is placed on the Council Table.

Reservation of seats in the Engineering and Medical Colleges.

300. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether they have done anything so far to reserve a certain number of seats in the Medical and Engineering Colleges at Madras for the benefit of students going from Cochin;

(b) whether it is the policy of the State to encourage Medical and Engineering studies among the students of Cochin; and if so, what they have done to secure admission to Cochin students in Colleges of Medicine and Engineering elsewhere?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The Director of Public Instruction interviewed the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, recently, and he has assured him that due consideration would be given to the claims of Cochin students as in the past, though it would not be possible to reserve seats.

(b) Yes, vide also answer to part (a).

Admission into the Medical and Engineering Colleges at Madras.

301. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Are the Government aware:—

(a) that there has been of late considerable difficulty for students from Cochin to obtain admission into the Engineering College, Guindy, and into the Madras Medical College;

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